

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 1811

As Amended by the Senate

Title: An act relating to supported employment.

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to supported employment for persons with severe disabilities.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Children & Family Services (Originally sponsored by Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers, Kenney and Ogden; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Children & Family Services: 2/17/99, 2/24/99 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/9/99, 93-0.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/15/99, 47-0.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</p> <p>· The supported employment program will also be available to people with significant disabilities.</p>
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives D. Sommers, Republican Co-Chair; Tokuda, Democratic Co-Chair; Boldt, Republican Vice Chair; Kagi, Democratic Vice Chair; Campbell; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Kastama and Pflug.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Carrell.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Department of Social and Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Personnel and the Office of Financial Management, identify state agencies that can participate in a supported employment program for people with developmental disabilities.

Summary of Bill:

Eligibility for the supported employment program is expanded to also include people with a significant disability.

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S): The Department of Personnel is not required to collect data on participants in supported employment by disability type.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The supported employment program should be available for people with significant disabilities as well as people with developmental disabilities.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (In support) Jann Hoppler, Department of Social and Health Services; Jeanne Munro, Department of Social and Health Services; Brad Boswell, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Elenor Owen, Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill; Joe Whaley; and Donna Patrick, Developmental Disabilities Council.